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Municipal Corporation Elections in Chandigarh

3077. SHRI SATYA PAL JAIN : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the elections to the Municipal Corporation of Chandigarh have not been held so far;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) if not, the time by which the elections are likely to be held?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) to (c). The elections to the Municipal Corporation of Chandigarh could not be held due to the stay granted by the High Court of Punjab & Haryana on the 27th July, 1994 in a civil writ petition challenging the inclusion of some villages in the notified area of the Municipal Corporation. The stay was vacated on the 4th July, 1995. However, the petitioners preferred a Letter Patent Appeal (LPA) in the High Court which is still pending. Notwithstanding the pendency of litigation, the Chandigarh Administration has finalised the delimitation of wards.

According to the information received from the Chandigarh Administration, it has been tentatively decided to hold the elections to the Municipal Corporation during the current year itself.

[Translation]

Extremists infested Areas

3078. SHRI SHATRUGHAN PRASAD SINGH : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government of Bihar has demanded the Central Reserve Police force for the extremist infested areas;

(b) if so, the strength of the security force so demanded; and

(c) the time by which the same is likely to be deployed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) to (c). A request was received in June, 1996, from the Government of Bihar for providing 20 coys. of CRPF for a period of 2 months for conducting a Special Drive before the rainy season to check the activities of various gangs. However, due to non availability of CPMFs and pressing commitments, elsewhere (including J&K and the North East), it was not found possible to meet the requirement. No further request

has been received, in this Ministry from the State Government.

[English]

Withdrawal of Security Forces

3079. SHRI PINAKI MISRA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the political workers have become easy target of pro-Pak militants and exposed to the militants attacks following the early withdrawal of security forces from the Northern Kashmir; and

(b) if so, the number of persons including political activists killed by militants in this area during the post election period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) and (b). According to available information two political activists of the Congress (I) were killed in terrorist violence in North Kashmir area viz. districts Kupwara and Baramulla during the period after the Lok Sabha elections. There is adequate deployment of security forces in the area and sustained pressure is being maintained on the militants to curb their activities.

[Translation]

Police Complaints Authority

3080. KUMARI UMA BHARATI : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to constitute a police complaint authority for attending complaints of the public against the police in Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the time by which the authority is likely to be constituted; and

(d) whether Union Government propose to issue directives to the State Governments to constitute such type of authority in their States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) and (b). The Government has decided to constitute an Independent authority, the Police Complaint Authority, for dealing with public complaints against police. These complaints will cover, inter-alia, police inaction, non-registration of FIR, partisan attitude of police officials, registration of false cases, corruption and intervention in civil disputes particularly those relating to property and tenancy, custodial torture, rape and other misbehaviour, abuse of police power, etc.

(c) The Authority is likely to be constituted shortly.

(d) Police is a State subject. No such proposal is under consideration of the Central Government.

[English]

Konkan Railway Corporation

3081. SHRI CHURCHILL ALEMAO : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware that sinking and cracking up of the mud embankments along the Konkan Railway route at Cortalim Village in Mormugao taluka of South Goa District has resulted in Extensive Flooding of the Damage to the Agricultural land.

(b) whether the Ministry are in receipt of complaint from the concerned farmers asking for compensation for the losses suffered due to negligence on the part of Konkan Railway Corporation;

(c) whether the Government has decided to pay the compensation; and

(d) if so, the extend to which and manner of the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Konkan Railway has paid compensation to farmers whose paddy cultivation is affected.

(d) the Corporation has paid compensation of Rs.4,04,138.00 to 238 parties in January, 1996 and Rs. 3,38,577.45 to 142 in June, 1996.

Lead Poisoning in Delhi

3082. DR. M. JAGANNATH : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the newsitem captioned "Import of hazardous wastes unchecked", appearing in the 'Sunday Times of India', dated July 21, 1996;

(b) whether a team from CPCB had conducted a study in regard to lead poisoning in the vicinity of lead smelters in Delhi in April 1994;

(c) if so, the finding of the team; and

(d) the action taken by the Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (CAPT. JAI NARAYAN PRASAD NISHAD) : (a) and (b). Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d). Investigations carried out by the Central Pollution Control Board indicate that the secondary lead smelting units in Mundka and Nangloi villages in North-West Delhi had caused environmental pollution and health problems for people and livestock in the nearby areas. According to these investigations, the units were using both indigenous as well as imported battery scrap as raw material and had not provided any pollution control measures. Closure orders have been issued for 108 such units in and around Delhi under the Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981.

Green Revolution

3083. SHRI SANDIPAN THORAT :

SHRI S.D.N.R. WADIYAR :

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have formulated an Action Plan for launching second Green Revolution in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government have reviewed the status regarding standard of education and research in the Agricultural Universities in the country and the results thereof;

(d) the action proposed for promotion/upgradation of agriculture education in the country in the wake of globalisation to support the second Green Revolution and

(e) the allocation of funds for agriculture education/research for the last five years, year-wise and State-wise and outlay proposed for the next five years?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA) : (a) and (b). No, Sir. However, in non green revolution belt extending green revolution based on small and marginal farmers is under consideration.

(c) Vice-Chancellors of State agricultural universities have been asked to review the standard of education in the University by External Review Committee.

(d) Regarding upgradation of agricultural education in the country, a Working Group has been constituted for formulation of agricultural research and education in the 9th Five Year Plan.

(e) State-wise allocation of funds are enclosed in the statements. Outlay for the next 5 years is yet to be decided in the 9th Five Year Plan.